Brookfield Charter Revision Commission Community Survey

INSTRUCTIONS: Your input will help the Commission as revisions to the Brookfield Charter are completed for the final presentation to the Board of Selectmen. Please reply to each statement below, indicating whether you support the proposed change (check YES) or do not support it (check NO).

PΑ	RT I: Revisions Requested in the Board of Selectmen Charges to the Commission		
1.	I support correcting errors in the Charter that conflict with each other.	YES	NO
2.	I support a Charter change to allow for a Capital Referendum to be done in conjunction with the Annual Budget Referendum without a 45-day wait. (This would only apply for the annual budget referendum.)	YES	NO
3.	I support clarifying which items can be petitioned to a Town Meeting.	YES	NO
4.	I support eliminating from the Charter Town offices that no longer exist.	YES	NO
5.	I support clarifying the standards, authority and jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics to the standards, authority and jurisdiction the Board has as defined by State Statutes.	YES	NO
6.	I support in relation to budget transfers allowed to be made by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and Board of Finance (BOF):	YES	NO
	a. Raising from \$20,000 to \$40,00 the total the BOS can reallocate within budget lines, but retaining required BOF approval for inter-department transfers.b. Clarifying the reallocation process. (One part of the allows the BOS and BOF the	YES	NO
7.	right to reallocate unexpended funds, but other parts require a Town Meeting.) I support permanently appointing the Town Attorney as Parliamentarian of all Town Meetings.	YES	NO
8.	I support updating Special Appropriation levels and time requirements for construction projects.	YES	NO
9.	I support increasing the number of members on Library Board of Trustees to 9 (nine).	YES	NO
10.	I support making grammatical changes in the Charter as needed for clarification.	YES	NO
PA	RT II: Revisions Requested by the Public		
11.	I support separation of votes for First Selectman and Selectmen. (This would result in First Selectman candidates eligible only for the position for which they run, and not included in the Selectmen vote.)	YES	NO
12.	I support eliminating the Charter requirement to pay Selectmen a minimum salary. (This would make remuneration of Selectmen part of the budget process.)	YES	NO
13.	I support increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 (five) members.	YES	NO
14.	I support requiring a minimum of 10 (ten) days before boards can appoint members to fill vacancies.	YES	NO
15.	I support instituting the position of Conservation Commissioner as salaried (rather than the current volunteer position).	YES	NO
16.	I support establishing a required position of Town Manager in the Charter.	YES	NO

17. I support making the Town Clerk an appointed position.				YES	NO
18. I support clarifying Section C8-5 of the Charter so wide-scale transfers cannot be made early in the fiscal year.19. I support adding the ability at the Annual Town Meeting to restore individual line items only to the levels approved by either the Board of Selectmen or Board of Education.				YES YES	NO NO
PART III: Indicate Your Priorities					
bei the	TRUCTIONS: Identify how important each proposed change is to you (with 4 ng most important), by placing a check mark to the right of each revision in box indicating your level of interest. (Full text of each change may be nd in the requested changes listed above.)	NOT IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT
1	1. Converting agreement in the Charton that conflict		2	3	4
	Correcting errors in the Charter that conflict.				
۷.	Allow for a Capital Referendum in conjunction with the Annual Budget Referendum without a 45-day wait.				
3.	Clarifying which items can be petitioned to a Town Meeting.				
4.	Eliminating from the Charter offices that no longer exist.				
	Clarifying the standards, authority and jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics to those defined by State Statutes.				
6.	a. Raising or eliminating the dollar amount BOSs and BOF can reallocate in budget at any time before going to a town meeting for approval.b. Clarifying the reallocation process.				
7.	Permanently appointing Town Attorney as Parliamentarian of all Town				
8.	Meetings. Updating Special Appropriation levels and time requirements for construction projects.				
9.	Increasing Library Board of Trustees to 9 members.				
10.	Making grammatical changes in the Charter as needed for clarification.				
11.	Separation of votes for First Selectman and Selectmen.				
12.	Eliminating the Charter requirement to pay Selectmen a minimum salary.				
13.	Increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members.				
14.	Requiring a minimum of 10 days before boards can appoint members to fill vacancies.				
15.	Instituting the position of Conservation Commissioner as salaried.				
16.	Establishing a required position of Town Manager.				
17.	Making the Town Clerk an appointed position.				
18.	Clarifying Section C8-5 so wide-scale transfers cannot be made early in the fiscal year.				
19.	Adding the ability at the Annual Town Meeting to restore individual line items only to the levels approved by BOS or BOE.				